

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Assembly of Marshall-Developed Fastrac Engine Begins

The Marshall-developed Fastrac engine — only the second space launch engine developed in the United States in the last 25 years — has moved into the assembly phase. The 60,000-pound thrust engine is scheduled to power the X-34 technology demonstration vehicle on its first flight in 1999. Fastrac marks the first time Marshall has developed a rocket engine in-house.

All Hands Meeting Set for 10 a.m. June 30 In Morris Auditorium

Web Cameras Provide Look at X-33 Vehicle Assembly in Calif.

Three Internet-linked cameras are providing Web browsers up-to-the-minute snapshots of the X-33 assembly floor in Palmdale, Calif. and its launch site at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The X-33 program is under Marshall's Space Transportation Programs Office. Assembly completion of NASA's X-33 is scheduled for Spring 1999, with its first test flight in July 1999. View X-33 images at:
<http://stp.msfc.nasa.gov/cameras/camera.html>

Center Blood Drive Set for Friday

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Marshall, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday at Bldg. 4752. Summer is a critical period for blood use and the blood bank is currently at very low levels of O-positive and O-negative blood. Those whose last names begin with T-Z should donate at 8 a.m.; Q-S, 8:30 a.m.; M-P, 9 a.m.; I-L, 9:30 a.m.; G-H, 10 a.m.; C-F, 10:30 a.m.; and A-B, 11 a.m.